

Mr. CRAWFORD. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Dr. Jerol Swaim, president of Williams Baptist College in Walnut Ridge, Arkansas.

After 48 years of service to Williams Baptist, Dr. Swaim has announced his retirement. Although he will no longer be on the campus every day, his influence will certainly be felt there for years to come.

Dr. Swaim started his career at Williams Baptist as a professor of history, government and economics. In 1973, he became academic dean of the college and has also held the titles of vice president for academic affairs and executive vice president. In 1995, he agreed to become the fifth president of Williams Baptist, a role he has filled since that time.

Dr. Swaim is stepping down after presiding over a transformation of the Williams campus. Since the late 1990s, nearly every building on the campus has either been newly constructed or extensively renovated.

Under Dr. Swaim, Williams Baptist has expanded its academic offerings as well as its academic reputation. It broke into the top tier of U.S. News & World Report college rankings in 2010 and climbed in the rankings again this year.

Madam Speaker, today we honor Dr. Jerol Swaim for his 48 years of service to Williams Baptist College and the countless lives he has changed.

RYAN BUDGET IS SHAMEFUL

(Mr. BUTTERFIELD asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. BUTTERFIELD. Madam Speaker, the Republican budget cuts at least \$3.3 trillion from low-income programs over the next 10 years while it increases the defense budget. It reduces taxes to a level that will wreak havoc on the Federal Treasury.

The rate of poverty is at its highest level in nearly 30 years. The Republican budget would increase poverty and exponentially raise the misery index for hardworking American families.

The Ryan budget also wreaks havoc on seniors. The American people must know that this Republican budget—which has been endorsed by all three Republican Presidential candidates—will end Medicare as we know it. Their plan is to get the Federal Government out of the Medicare program. Republicans simply want to provide seniors a small voucher to purchase Medicare insurance on the private market. Most seniors will not have the money to do that.

The Ryan budget shows Medicaid cuts of \$810 billion. They want to get the Federal Government out of the medical assistance program to low-income families and place that burden on States with an underfunded mandate.

Madam Speaker, the Ryan budget is absolutely shameful and misleading. House Democrats will fight it to the end.

REPUBLICAN BUDGET: ASSAULT ON MEDICARE AND MIDDLE CLASS

(Ms. KAPTUR asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. KAPTUR. Madam Speaker, once again, Republicans in the House have put forward a budget that ends Medicare as we know it. This is an all-out Republican assault on Medicare and our Nation's middle class.

Who benefits from this Republican budget? Millionaires certainly do. Think Wall Street Bonus Boys. This Republican budget would give them an additional tax cut of \$187,000—that's for starters—yet lower and middle class Americans, people making \$20,000 to \$30,000 a year, they get no tax cut at all.

This Republican budget also gives away \$3 trillion in tax cuts and benefits to corporations. Republicans' real priorities: cutting the safety net, giving the super-rich a handout, and ignoring the damage to the deficit.

The Republicans would end the promise of Medicare for both current and future beneficiaries by shifting the program to private insurance financed by vouchers. The nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office says that the Republican budget would reduce benefits to seniors and force many to spend much more than they do today.

Why are the Republicans so intent on making seniors sacrifice first? Why not claw back Wall Street's bonuses?

I urge my colleagues to vote against the Republican budget. Support the Democratic alternative. Protect seniors and our middle class.

MOURNING THE LOSS OF POPE SHENOUDA III

(Mr. SIRES asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. SIRES. Madam Speaker, on March 17, the world lost a great spiritual leader, His Holiness Pope Shenouda III. I rise today to join the millions of Coptic Christians in mourning his death.

This past Sunday, St. Mary Coptic Church in East Brunswick, New Jersey, held a very moving memorial service for the Pope. An estimated 1,000 mourners gathered in the cathedral while a thousand more listened to the service in nearby rooms.

There was an outpouring of grief from people of all faiths. Leaders from many religions and sects were in attendance to pay homage to the Pope, including His Grace Bishop David, the Bishop of the Archdiocese of North America.

As we mourn the loss of a great leader and purveyor of faith and religious tolerance, we remember and embrace all that the Pope has done for the Coptic community in Egypt and around the world. The beloved leader of the Coptic Christian church has provided immeasurable contributions to further

promote tolerance and interfaith dialogue in Egypt and serves as an example of how communities of different faiths can live in harmony.

As Egypt continues its transition, Egyptian leaders must work together to uphold the rights of all religious communities in Egypt and end all discrimination.

OBAMA CARES

(Ms. HANABUSA asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. HANABUSA. Madam Speaker, I read my local paper this morning and read a reference by Richard Borreca, a reporter who said that the Affordable Care Act is known as ObamaCare. At first I cringed because that's the way Republicans refer to it. But then I thought about it, and you know what? You're absolutely right; Obama cares. That's why we have that law.

Think about what he looked at in 2008 and 2009. There were 50 million people who were uninsured at a cost of \$116 billion a year. That could bankrupt any family. But with the Affordable Care Act, think about what you have: women no longer have to be worried about being discriminated against as a preexisting condition; seniors don't have to worry, they can have preventative care and the doughnut hole will close; youth can be covered under their parents' plan to the age of 26; and small business can avail themselves of a tax credit.

Yes, Madam Speaker, Obama cares, as do the Democrats.

PUTTING AMERICANS BACK TO WORK

(Mr. YODER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. YODER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to again encourage my colleagues to support pro-growth economic policies that can help put Americans back to work.

With over 8 percent unemployment and slow economic growth, many Americans are struggling to pay their bills and provide for their families. Unfortunately, many of the policies coming out of Washington over the past few years have prolonged this economic stagnation and damaged our recovery.

With small businesses creating two out of every three jobs in this country, we need to support policies that keep business taxes down, eliminate costly regulations, and open up new avenues for access to capital. That's why I'm happy to support the JOBS Act. This bipartisan legislation will help new business formation, open up access to capital, and help new businesses create jobs.

Madam Speaker, let's work together in bipartisan fashion on the JOBS Act and other legislation, and let's help put Americans back to work.